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## Two Men to Stand Trial in West Hills Bagel Delivery Robbery Case

Two Northridge men who have been ordered to stand trial on charges of robbing a bagel delivery man pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Hoetzlein (dob 6/4/97) and Khaleel Laurant Christian (dob 3/14/1997) were held to answer on May 27 on five felony charges: robbery in the second degree, carjacking, second-degree commercial burglary, fleeing from a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly and assault on a peace officer.

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Bartos said case LA082371 includes an allegation that the carjacking victim is over the age of 60.

Both defendants are scheduled to return for a pretrial hearing on July 22 in Department V of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

In the early morning of Dec. 7, 2015, the victim arrived at an eatery in West Hills to pick up bagels for delivery when Hoetzlein attacked him from behind and was kicked and beaten by both defendants as they robbed him, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing. The defendants then went inside the bagel deli and soon after fled in the victim's car, the prosecutor said.

The duo led police on a high-speed chase and at one point appeared to yield to the patrol car only to then reverse the stolen car toward the officers, crashing onto the open passenger door of the police car, narrowly missing the officer, according to court testimony. The pursuit ended when Hoetzlein lost control of the car and crashed on the curb, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face a possible maximum sentence of 13 years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Topanga Station.

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